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Application Serial No. 10/075,172
Confirmation No. 7318
Filing Date February 13, 2002
Inventor..... B. E. Cron
Assignee Micron Technology, Inc.
Group Art Unit..... 3723
Examiner E. A. Ojini
Attorney's Docket No. MI22-1804
Customer No. 021567
Title: Methods For Conditioning Surfaces Of Polishing Pads After Chemical-Mechanical Polishing

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PETITION TO THE COMMISSIONER UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF 37 C.F.R. §1.181

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Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to withdraw a holding of abandonment pertaining to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/075,172. Submitted herewith is a "Notice of Abandonment" mailed by the Patent Office on June 23, 2004 pertaining to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/075,172. Also submitted herewith is: (1) a copy of a "Response to November 19, 2003 Office Action" filed by applicant on February 5, 2004; (2) a copy of a transmittal for a "Response to November 19, 2003 Office Action" filed by Applicant on February 5, 2004; and (3) a copy of an "Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission" received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on 2/5/04 and evidencing that the transmittal and the Response were received by the USPTO on 2/5/04.

The Patent Office has erroneously held that Patent Application Serial No. 10/075,172 went abandoned due to Applicant's failure to respond to an Office Action of November 19, 2003 by the deadline of February 19, 2004, and has sent the accompanying "Notice of Abandonment". The error in the Patent Office's holding of abandonment is evidenced by the accompanying Response, transmittal letter, and "Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission"; all of which evidence that Applicant's response to the Office Action of November 19, 2003 was properly filed on February 5, 2004.. Applicant respectfully requests that the Patent Office correct its error by withdrawing the holding of abandonment pertaining to U.S. Application Serial No. 10/075,172.

Applicant believes that no fees are due to have this Petition considered and granted. In the event that the Examiner disagrees, Applicant requests a telephone call to the undersigned (509-624-4276).

Respectfully submitted,

By: 

David G. Latwesen, Ph.D.
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Dated: July 6, 2004

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This application is abandoned in view of:

1. Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 19 November 2003.
 - (a) A reply was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.
 - (b) A proposed reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection.
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
 - (c) A reply was received on _____ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).
 - (d) No reply has been received.

2. Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (a) The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (b) The submitted fee of \$_____ is insufficient. A balance of \$_____ is due.
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$_____. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$_____.
 - (c) The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.

3. Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
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4. The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.

5. The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.

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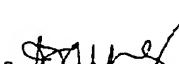
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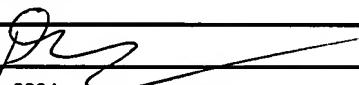
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